

Jerusalem acts to free seven being held in Argentina

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

Intensive diplomatic efforts continued last night both in Buenos Aires and Jerusalem to win the release of seven Jews — including three emissaries of the World Zionist Organization's Youth and Hechalutz Department — who were arrested on Friday night in Cordoba, Argentina.

News of the arrests, which Foreign Ministry officials here said yesterday came as the result of a "misunderstanding," reached the government and the WZO soon after they occurred in a telegram from Israel's ambassador in Argentina, Ram Nir-Gad.

Those arrested were Yitzhak Estrugo, an emissary of the Youth and Hechalutz Department, and his wife Clara (both immigrated from Argentina to Kibbutz Ezeron near Tel-Aviv about 10 years ago); Yosef Pick, another emissary, and his wife Kati, of Tel Aviv; Amnon Rudin, of Jerusalem, the third emissary; and two unidentified Argentine Jews working locally for the department.

An hour-long meeting on the detainees was held at the Foreign Ministry last night, attended by

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, WZO Executive Chairman Yosef Almog, Youth and Hechalutz Department head Mordechai Bar-On, and other officials.

Foreign Ministry director-general Shlomo Avineri has called the Argentinean charge d'affaires, J. Portela Pico, to his office at noon today to express Israel's concern over the arrest of its nationals.

Bar-On said yesterday "the detainees have had no contact with political activity, whether of the left or otherwise."

Members of the Estrugo's small kibbutz told The Jerusalem Post that the couple were part of the "Coordination Committee of Non-Partisan Centers" — a non-partisan Jewish organization that does not mix in any sort of politics — either Jewish or Argentinean. The organization, they said, is involved in Jewish community centres and Jewish education.

Estrugo, it is learned, has dual Argentinean and Israeli citizenship, since according to the law of the South American country, anyone who was once a citizen of Argentina, always remains so, even if he has taken on the citizenship of another country.

Blast kills sergeant

NABLUS. — A Druse Border Police sergeant was killed, and two other policemen and a soldier were wounded yesterday morning when an explosive charge went off at the entrance of Abu Hussein's restaurant near Jacob's Well, the Army spokesman announced.

When the blast occurred, around eight a.m., there were no tourists visiting the popular pilgrims' site. The four men were on regular duty there. Their commander, Abed Khatib, from the Druse village of Hunkish in Galilee, was seriously injured in the blast, and died later in hospital.

Minutes after the incident police combed the area and a special investigation committee was set up under the Deputy Commander of the Samaria police sub-district. Sergeant Khatib's funeral will take place in his home village today. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

Rabin may want Health Bill postponed

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
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TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin favours postponing the second reading of the Health Insurance Bill if the differences among coalition members are not resolved today, a source close to him said last night.

Ministry and Knesset Members of the ILP and NRP, who have threatened to vote against the bill, will today discuss the issue with Rabin and the Ministers of Health, Justice, Labour and Finance.

The Histadrut is insisting on expelling members who do not join its sick fund. The labour federation's spokesman said all central committee members, except the ILP, yesterday supported this stand.

On the other hand, the ILP have decided to leave the Cabinet unless the bill is amended to protect citizens against sanctions if they choose another sick fund.

The bill, as it stands now, enables "an organization" to enrol all its members, on bloc, to a sick fund. A person may change his sick fund, on an individual basis, every six months.

Greeks awaiting Turkish oil ship

ANKARA. — Greco-Turkish tension over the voyage of a Turkish oil exploration ship to the Aegean Sea appeared to have eased slightly yesterday as the vessel made slow progress to waters where both countries claim seabed exploitation rights.

The Seismic I left Istanbul on Friday morning and set out across the Sea of Marmara. It was widely expected to enter the Aegean Saturday and the Greek navy was reported keeping a close watch, but it has not yet passed through the Dardanelles.

Nevertheless, the Greeks called up an undisclosed number of young reservists yesterday. Relatives said the reservists had been told to cancel holidays and report for duty with army, navy and air force units throughout the country. (Reuters)



Yosef Pick



Yitzhak Estrugo

Australia alert for Arab terror gang

SYDNEY. — Police at all major airports throughout Australia were put on maximum alert yesterday after Interpol reported that six terrorists could be heading for this country.

There was immediate speculation that such a gang might be out to attack Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel's former Defence Minister now visiting Australia under a strict security screen. Dayan was the target of a pro-terrorist demonstration in Sydney yesterday.

A police spokesman said the group — five men and one woman — could be travelling under mixed European and Middle East passports after disappearing from somewhere in Germany about two days ago.

In Canberra, a government spokesman said "reports have been received on the possible movement to or through Australia of persons involved in terrorist activity."

The Sunday "Sun-Herald" newspaper reported earlier that Australian airport police had been alerted

to look out for Arab terrorists heading for Montreal, site of the Olympic games, on Swiss and Algerian passports.

Security authorities said circuitous international air routes had often been used by terrorists to reach their target. But informed sources in Canberra doubted that the Olympics were the destination this time.

The police spokesman in Melbourne said security had been doubled at all airports and officers had been told to treat every overseas passenger with suspicion.

The demonstration against Dayan began building up shortly before he was due to speak at the Town Hall. An estimated 1,000 people were confronted by about 20 police outside the hall. Demonstrators shouted "Get out, Dayan," and "We want the PLO!" a reference to Yasser Arafat's "Palestine Liberation Organization," whose representative was recently bundled out of Australia. The demonstrators dispersed when Dayan arrived. (Reuters)

B'nai B'rith head refuses to go to Mexico

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — The President of B'nai B'rith has sent a letter to Mexican President Luis Echeverria saying that "under the circumstances" he was "regrettably" declining an invitation Echeverria had extended to attend the President's address to the Mexican Congress and the inauguration of the Third World Academic Centre in Mexico City in September.

David M. Blumberg wrote that recent Mexican diplomatic moves contradict the "unequivocal assurances" B'nai B'rith had received from Echeverria that his government

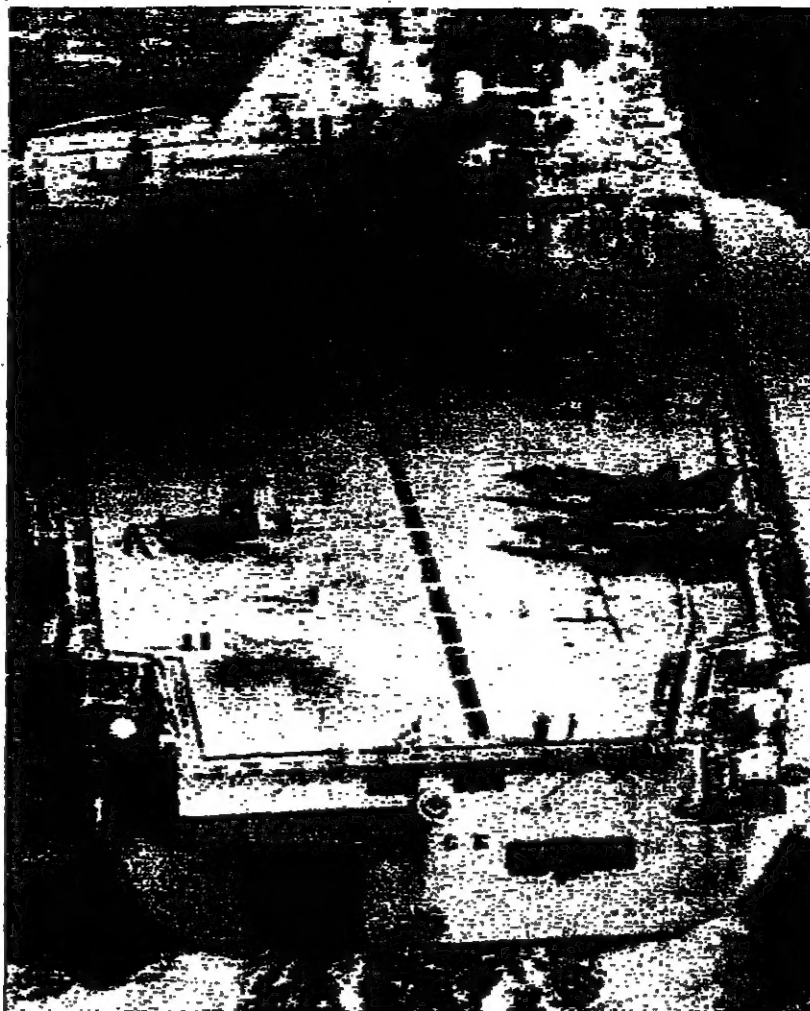
would abstain from anti-Israel actions. Blumberg cited a "pattern" of Mexican actions — particularly a denunciation at the UN of Israel's rescue foray into Uganda — which, he said, "cannot be reconciled" with Echeverria's promise that Mexico would steer clear of such a policy.

Blumberg also cited Mexico's support of Arab-initiated anti-Israel measures that sought to politicize the UN's Habitat conference and "abrupt cancellations" of Mexican participation in international chess and table tennis tournaments to be held in Israel, as further demonstrations of "a continuity of diplo-

matic actions" against Israel.

"They ill serve the friendship we have for the people of Mexico and our respect for Mexico's democratic traditions," Blumberg said.

American Jewish organizations have been outraged by Mexico's criticism of Israel for rescuing the hostages held by terrorists in Uganda. But so far, there has been no revival of a formal travel boycott against Mexico, apparently because Mexico's anti-Israel policies are seen as the result of Echeverria's drive to land the post of UN Secretary-General when his term of office as Mexico's president expires in December.



This view of the new Soviet warship Kiev shows two Soviet V/Stol (vertical/short take-off and landing) fighters and four helicopters on deck. The picture was taken by an RAF Nimrod aircraft based in Malta, soon after the Kiev had passed through the Bosphorus from the Black Sea recently. (UPI telephoto)

Brazil ousts Israel XI

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

A close-playing, fast-passing Brazilian eleven last night eliminated Israel from the Olympic football tournament by four goals to one.

After a goalless first half in which the Israeli squad, although mostly on the defensive, appeared to hold its own, the Latin Americans turned on the pressure, and opened the scoring five minutes after resumption of play. The last

four goals came within the closing 18 minutes.

The Brazilians again broke through the Israeli defence in the 72nd and 76th minutes before Vild Peres responded with the lone Israeli tally in the 83rd.

The final goal came in the last minute of play, when Brazil was playing with 10 men — striker Chico Praga had been carried off seven minutes earlier after colliding with an Israeli defender.

Taxi-drivers to cut fares 'in protest'

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Taxi drivers here plan to lower their fares to those of buses, possibly even lower, from tomorrow if their demands for certain concessions are not met. They claim the bus operators are granted a variety of facilities and subsidies for one thing — which make it impossible for taxis to compete.

If their lower-price protest does not bring government support, the taxi-men will adopt "negative tactics" — such as holding mass protest meetings before the offices of Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

At a press conference here yesterday, Shlomo Osherov, representing the inter-urban taxi groups, said that about 10 years ago a Knesset committee investigating

taxi companies advised the government to grant them the same status as other transport enterprises (like the bus cooperative and the trains). But since then nothing had been done because of the government's policy on subsidies and taxes.

Taxi companies had to pay higher taxes, higher insurance and more for spare parts. As a result they were forced to charge more than buses.

Mr. Osherov said that the increase in fares from the first of this month because of VAT had been the last straw. There had been a 35 per cent drop in passengers since July 1.

The taxi drivers are demanding the same status as the other operators so that they can serve the public at a reasonable price.

Energy board bill

The Cabinet decided yesterday to table a bill providing for the creation of a National Energy Authority to coordinate all long and short-term planning of the country's energy requirements.

The bill, proposed by Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev, calls for the creation of a national energy programme, to be carried out in cooperation with all existing groups working in the field. It will deal with all aspects of fuel supply, oil prospecting, electricity supply, energy conservation and with the development of alternative energy sources.

The Authority will be headed by a director appointed by the Cabinet

on the recommendation of the Minister of Commerce and Industry. The members of the Authority will be appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the various Ministries concerned.

An Advisory Council will also be formed, and will comprise Authority members and 20 additional members representing bodies engaged in the production and consumption of energy.

The Authority will not be a separate legal entity and all its members will be civil servants. It will be authorized to lay down guidelines, to be approved by the Minister, which will be held to be binding.

Jail for bid to set up Fatah cell

GAZA. — Three terrorists currently serving jail terms have been convicted of attempting to set up a Fatah cell while in prison.

The Military Court here yesterday sentenced Said Mansur Hussein to five years and Faruk Isma'il Mustafa Fida'i to three years, on top of the 15-year sentences they are currently serving. The third terrorist, Omar Sa'id Abu Ramadan was sentenced to an additional six months.

The prison authorities found out about the cell soon after it was formed and before it could carry out any operations. (Iltim)

Eight jailed as Egyptian spies

GAZA. — Sentences ranging from 1½ years in jail to 10 were handed down by the military court here yesterday against eight Egyptian residents charged in two separate trials with supplying intelligence information to Egypt.

In the first trial Radwan Sulaiman Radwan, 48, was sentenced to 10 years, Muhammad Shubazi, 47, to six, and Jum'a Hagazi, to one and a half years.

In the second trial, four of the accused were sentenced to seven years and the fifth to six years. The five are: Muhammad Abu Hilo, his brother Ahmed, Muhammad Kitfat, Muhammad Sulaiman Ball and Sulaiman Abdallah, who received the six-year sentence. (Iltim)

New cease-fire breaks down in Lebanon

Post Middle East Affairs Correspondent and agencies

An exchange of mortar barrage between Christian forces and the PLO-leftist alliance in Beirut yesterday shattered Lebanon's latest cease-fire, heightening fears of a new round of all-out war there.

At the same time a deadlock was reported in the four-day talks between the Syrians and the PLO in Damascus. Cairo Radio quoted PLO officials as saying that Syria remained adamant in its refusal to pull back its troops in Lebanon, and insisted instead that the PLO take no further part in the war. The Syrians reiterated that they would not leave Lebanon unless they were asked to do so by the Lebanese authorities themselves.

Two Sudanese soldiers of the Arab League's peace-keeping force in Beirut were reported to have been killed in a barrage launched by the Christian militia yesterday. Unconfirmed reports said that eight Saudi Arabian members of the force were wounded while trying to advance into the "green line" dividing the Christian-held eastern sector of Beirut and leftist-controlled west Beirut.

As shelling was traded on several fronts, the U.S. Embassy — confirming that negotiations were being carried out with the Palestinians about the evacuation of foreign nationals — announced that a group of foreigners would be taken out by sea tomorrow.

Members of Interior Minister Camille Chamoun's rightist militia yesterday fiercely attacked Saudi and Sudanese peacekeeping troops trying to move across the no-man's-land to extend a buffer zone 600 kilometres into Christian territory.

Rightist gunmen also pounded the besieged Palestinian camp of Tel al-Zaatar and the leftist enclave of Nabaa in eastern Beirut.

Arab League mediator Hassan Sabri el-Kholi had told reporters on Saturday that Chamoun had agreed to the truce, but spokesmen for Chamoun's National Liberal Party denied this.

At Tel al-Zaatar, besieged for a month by Christian forces, correspondent Doyle McKinnis reported

that Christian troops poured machinegun and artillery fire into the blasted ruins of the camp long after the 8 a.m. (0500 GMT) truce deadline.

"There is no cease-fire while we are winning," the Christian commander, Lebanese Army Maj. Fuad Malek, said. "Our conditions for a cease-fire include the total evacuation of everyone in the camp — including the Palestinian fighters."

The U.S. Embassy in Beirut announced yesterday that the postponed American evacuation of foreigners would take place tomorrow from the Lebanese capital by U.S. landing craft.

More than 400 Americans and other foreigners are expected to leave Lebanon for Athens.

An embassy spokesman said the sea route to Greece had been chosen because it had proved difficult to guarantee the safety of a land convoy to Damascus.

The evacuation was originally scheduled for last Tuesday by land, but was postponed after one of the armed parties controlling the road to the Syrian capital said it was not totally secure.

A statement issued by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Talcott Weesie, said the embassy had been in daily contact with various parties involved in the civil war to ensure the safety of those leaving. "All parties have extended their full cooperation to facilitate this departure."

The statement said that direct negotiations had been held with the PLO which the U.S. does not recognize — on the evacuation.

This was the first time the embassy has stated that it had spoken with PLO representatives directly. In the past it said such contacts were made by an intermediary.

The ambassador himself is escorted by heavily armed fighters of the Palestinian Armed Struggle Command, the Palestinian military police.

The statement said the decision to evacuate was not taken because there was any worsening of the position in Beirut, but because of the unpredictable situation in the leftist-held western part of the city.

Iraq army chiefs in Cairo

Post Middle East Affairs Correspondent

The Deputy Chief of Staff of the Iraqi army, Major General Ismail el-Neimey, arrived in Cairo yesterday at the head of a military delegation for talks with Egyptian officials.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency said senior Egyptian officers greeted the Iraqi delegation; it did

not disclose the nature of the visit.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said over the weekend that he and Saudi Arabia are now outlining an overall Arab military strategy which would embrace other Arab states. It is thought that Iraq is rushing to join with Egypt in isolating their common rival, Syria, from combined Arab efforts.

'No immediate threat' in speeches

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Last week's lengthy speeches by President Hafes Assad of Syria and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt do not appear to portend any immediate threat to Israel. This is the official view in Jerusalem after a painstaking study of the speeches, the Cabinet was told yesterday.

Both presidents laid most stress in their speeches on inter-Arab friction, and spent time arguing with their domestic critics, the Ministers were told.

Sadat, however, also vowed to free the occupied lands, sharply criticized the U.S. for inaction in the Middle East, and threw out hint of possible rapprochement with Moscow — statements which caused concern in Jerusalem.

Also at yesterday's Cabinet, sitting as the Ministerial Security Committee, the assistant to the IDF intelligence Chief gave briefing on the latest developments in Lebanon. Current security affairs were also surveyed. There was no debate.

'Arab plan to oust Gaddafi'

NEW YORK. — Libya's strongman Col. Mu'amar Gaddafi must be ousted by whatever means might be necessary, leaders of three other Arab countries have agreed, according to "Newsweek" magazine. In its forthcoming issue, the news weekly says it has learned the agreement was reached last week in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Ja'afar Nu'muri of Sudan and King Khalid of Saudi Arabia attended the meeting.

Saudi Arabia kept its name off the pact, "Newsweek" reports, but pledged to finance an operation that would bring about a change of regime in Libya. And Egypt and Libya are prepared to mount a major military operation against Libya, adds the magazine.

It says about 12,000 Egyptian troops have been earmarked for transfer to Sudan "perhaps as a strike force, perhaps as a diversionary tactic to force Gaddafi to move some of his troops from the Egyptian border."

West Bank olive trees — for Libya

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If olive branches symbolize peace, then what does a whole olive tree represent? That is what many persons from Judea and Samaria are asking themselves, in the wake of a recent sale of thousands of olive tree saplings — reportedly to Libya.

According to reports on the sale,

several West Bank agronomists are accompanying the saplings to Libya — to make sure they take root in that country's sandy soil. These Arab agronomists received some of their training here, which doesn't seem to disturb the purchaser.

There also have been reports recently that several Arab countries have been buying — through a second party — chicks and fertilized eggs from Israel.

Note to our readers

We wish to apologize to our readers for the reduced size of today's edition of The Jerusalem Post. Because of a work stoppage called yesterday evening by the National Printers' Union at all of the country's daily newspapers, we were unable to maintain our regular production schedule.

The strike broke out over disagreement between the Printers' Union and the newspaper publishers regarding night shift pay. Most of the other points of the new collective wage contract had earlier been agreed upon in principle. The strike was suspended last night, only some two hours before press time, following the intervention of Uriel Abrahamowitz, head of the Histadrut Trade Union Department, who urged both sides to reach final agreement on all outstanding issues within 48 hours.

We hope our readers will accept today's reduced and partly uncorrected edition with understanding.

Lebanon, a land with five 'governments'

By NICK LUDINGTON

BEIRUT. — Doubts are growing of Lebanon's ever become a united country again.

After 18 months of civil war, a death toll of 33,000, the collapse of Beirut as the commercial heart of the Arab world, and property destruction totalling billions of dollars, five separate administrations now operate in the country.

The central government still exists in name, functions only in a haphazard and uncoordinated way.

The latest independent government apparatus to be established is a "Central Political Council," which the leftists have set up to administer about one-fourth of Lebanon, including western Beirut. Leftist leader Kamal Jumblatt said that each of the 12 leftist groups, including two Communist parties in his "National Progressive Movement," would be represented in the council. Jumblatt's movement is linked into an alliance with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

It will have departments to handle finance, supply, security, military affairs, foreign and Arab

affairs, information and popular mobilization.

Already its popular action forces, wearing baggy fatigues with yellow arm patches, have started patrols to cut down on the wave of crime and random violence which has taken root in the predominantly Moslem west Beirut.

On Saturday, the council announced that petrol would be distributed in west Beirut at a controlled price of about 75 cents a gallon. It has been selling on the black market for as high as \$8 a gallon.

"We can't leave the people on this side starving, without water, food, electricity and security. We've got to organize our lives," Jumblatt said.

Jumblatt's administration, in which the small but well-organized Communist parties are believed to have a decisive influence, is to rule a rectangle of south-west Lebanon, running south along the Mediterranean coast to the Israeli border.

North of Beirut along the coast is the Christian enclave, where mountain army commanders set up their own provisional government called "House of Action."

It now collects taxes, runs hospitals and other public services, operates courts and jails, controls prices and is planning independent international communications and transport facilities.

The PLO, under informal agreements with Lebanese leaders since 1969, have ruled affairs of some 400,000 refugees in 15 camps scattered around the country, several of them in strategic locations in or near the major cities.

The Soviet-armed PLO groups built up forces almost equal in strength to the Lebanese Army. The Christians say the PLO abused the hospitality offered them, meddled shamelessly in Lebanese internal affairs and "must go."

Christian President Suleiman Franjeh says he runs the "legal central government" from the Christian enclave. He has invited the foreign embassies to move there so they can have secure access to the foreign ministry, which is located in east Beirut.

The Moslem premier Rashid Karami, claiming he is acting minister of defence, finance and foreign affairs too "governs" from west Beirut.

His most significant task is to issue cheques to government employees and soldiers, who are languishing at home or fighting with one private army or another.

Another government apparatus is the provisional administration handling day-to-day affairs in northern and eastern Lebanon and controlled by the Syrian Army.

This administration was set up by the "Vanguard of the Lebanese Army," made up of the disintegrated Lebanese armed forces whom the Syrians helped reorganize under their patronage.

The "Vanguard," which embraces the bulk of Lebanon's Air Force, emerged after Syrian President Hafez Assad sent his troops to take control of the eastern half of Lebanon and to put pressure on PLO-leftist forces to accept a Damascus-influenced political settlement.

According to reports reaching Beirut, the "Vanguard" administration has its own social services.

The irony is that all sides, Christians, Moslems, leftists, the PLO as well as the Syrians, declare publicly their opposition to the partition of Lebanon. (AP)

On the 36th anniversary of the death of

ZEEV JABOTINSKY

Founder of the Jewish Legion,
defender of Jerusalem, Rosh Betar

His pupils and all those who revere
his memory will meet at his grave on

Har Herzl, Jerusalem, tomorrow July 27, 1976
(29 Tamuz 5736), at 5.30 p.m.

Assembling at the gate of Har Herzl at 5 p.m.

THIS WEEK

Lotto Draw 30/76
First prize
IL1,000,000
Minimum total prize
IL2,500,000
(including carryover)
Other prizes increased
TODAY is the last day
for handing in Lotto entries.
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THE WEATHER

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Jerusalem	51	16-23	26
Golan	45	17-28	26
Nahariya	42	18-29	25
Safed	44	15-27	25
Haifa	59	28-29	29
Tiberias	40	22-35	33
Nazareth	47	18-30	32
Afula	47	20-31	32
Shomron	52	18-27	21
Tel Aviv	74	22-38	36
B-G Airport	78	21-31	30
Jericho	70	20-27	35
Gaza	73	22-30	29
Beerseba	37	17-33	32
Eilat	16	24-40	38
Tiran	16	27-39	38

Lebanese defy threats, take chickens home

By YORAM HAMZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Six Lebanese merchants left this town yesterday with a truckload of live chickens, in addition to oil, rice, sugar and detergents.

The Lebanese entered Israel with their own vehicles, changed their license plates to Israeli ones and were issued car insurance documents. Their Lebanese currency was exchanged at IL2.35 per Lebanese lira, as against the IL2.50 rate given Lebanese who exchanged their money at the local bank last week.

A bank official said the new rate was in line with a directive from the bank's main office in Tel Aviv. An army officer, however, said the matter would be gone into, and if an error had occurred, the Lebanese would receive the difference.

One of the merchants told Israeli newsmen that terrorist sympathizers, whom he described as a "mob," have been threatening villagers to cease contacts with Israel.

In one case, he said, an apple orchard was set afire because its owner had accepted medical help and water from Israel. "But with an empty stomach and a dry throat, relations with Israel are the only way to exist in this time."

No offence in MFC sale of cars

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The police have ruled that there are no grounds for criminal proceedings against the Maritime Fruit Carriers Company, over the sale of 15 company cars to senior company officials in Israel, at reduced prices and for easy payment terms.

The Haifa police spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the decision was reached after carefully considering the charges submitted by the Marine Officers Union.

LOCAL NEWS

Air France to pay \$18 a kilo in missing baggage compensation

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Air France head office in Paris has sent a special envoy to Kampala, Uganda, to determine precisely what happened to the luggage of its Airbus, hijacked to Entebbe. The plane, scarred by eight bullet holes but otherwise still airworthy, was returned to its base hangar in Orly last week after an uneventful flight.

The skeleton crew, flown out to Entebbe to reclaim the aircraft, reported that the baggage compartment of the plane had been "cleared out." The Kampala government said it had no knowledge of what had happened to the baggage.

The Air France administration is preparing to pay compensation to the plane's 250 passengers for their lost property. The passengers will be able to claim \$18 per kilo of their checked-in baggage total — and an additional (approx.) \$350-\$370 for their handbaggage ("cabin luggage"). These sums are in accordance with the formal baggage liability limitations laid down in the Warsaw Convention of 1929 and the Hague amendment to this convention of 1955 adopted by all IATA companies. In effect, the indemnities paid by the companies differ slightly and El Al, for instance, states (in the fine print on its ticket) that it will pay its

travellers \$20 per kilo of checked-in luggage weight plus a flat \$400 for their handbaggage.

Still undecided is the compensation for loss of life and physical injury suffered by the passengers. Three Israeli passengers were killed during the rescue operation and a number of others suffered injuries. The liability for passengers by the company is (in the case of U.S. dollar-based insurance) up to \$75,000 per passenger, including legal fees and costs. It is still not known whether Air France will accept responsibility and pay up or try to pass on the blame — especially since there is still no international agreement on counter-terrorism.

In the event of a denial of insurance, the families of the victims will have to prove negligence on the part of Air France — or perhaps the Athens airport authorities — although Air France's security arrangements at the airport could be equally at fault. (El Al has made its own security arrangements at the Greek capital's airfield.)

American passengers released earlier have already filed suits against Air France to compensate IATA companies. Informed sources here note that the success of all these international hearings will depend largely on the support given to the cases

by the national civil aeronautic boards of the respective cases and of Air France interests in each of these countries.

Air France's local managing director Pierre Leon returns here today after consultations with his head office in Paris over the weekend.

State medal for Entebbe may be struck

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A state medal commemorating the Entebbe rescue operation may soon be struck, *The Jerusalem Post* learned last week.

The issue might be approved by the board of directors of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, which will meet this afternoon. If sanctioned, the medal will be made available in gold, silver and bronze.

Marking the Entebbe rescue with a numismatic item has become a focus of controversy between the corporation and the Bank of Israel. In an interview published in *The Jerusalem Post* on July 9, corporation managing director Yitzhak Avni said the deed was so noteworthy that he would wholeheartedly recommend to the Bank of Israel that it authorize the minting of a gold coin to commemorate the operation.

(By law, a legal tender money issue must be approved by the bank's governor. The corporation is only authorized to distribute it.)

When Avni wrote to Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sanbar recently to suggest such an issue, the idea was rejected. Sanbar claimed the time lag between the proposal and the appearance of the coin would be about a year. By then, much of the public interest in Entebbe would have waned and the coin would have relatively little collectors' value, he said.

Avni disputes this view. He told *The Post*: "It is the duty of the Government of the State of Israel to commemorate noteworthy events in the history of this country and the Jewish People. The Entebbe deed was not only a brilliant military achievement but also one of the greatest humanitarian operations in modern history."

"Whenever the corporation markets its tens of thousands of coins, a detailed prospectus goes along with each one of them. This is certainly one of the most important items of *hasbara* (position papers) one can think of."

"But Governor Sanbar opposes such a coin issue and has suggested that we strike a state medal instead. That's exactly the idea I will bring before the corporation's board. If they approve the idea, I can have a beautiful Entebbe medal ready in two months — and we could time it to appear at about the same time as the premieres of the several films on Entebbe that are already being produced."

The grass is greener...

TEL AVIV. — The agricultural adviser to King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand said yesterday he hoped to find an Israeli plant to replace the opium poppy grown in his country.

Prince Bhissadet Sutharn Arakul, who arrived here yesterday for a week's visit, told newsmen that he was "thoroughly ac-

quainted with Israel's agricultural achievements and I hope to find some plant or fruit tree that can be grown in my country instead of the opium poppy."

The prince praised Israel for sending agricultural experts to Thailand and for setting up seminars in Israel for Thai farming instructors.

(Itim)

Circassians will enjoy same status as Druse

By ASHER WALLFISH
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Israel's small Circassian Moslem community was yesterday put on the same footing as the Druse community, when the Cabinet decided that its members could deal directly with the Government departments, instead of going through the special bureau set up to handle the affairs of the Israeli Arab community.

The Druse were given this status last November. The Government then established a special committee of directors-general, chaired by Amos Eran, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, to speed up development among the Druse. This committee will now take care of development among the Circassians as well.

Israel has 2,800 Circassians, nearly all residing in two villages in the North — Rihaniya in Upper Galilee and Kfar Kama in Lower Galilee. The males do compulsory

military service in the Israel Defence Forces and serve permanently in the police and border police.

After Arab terrorists based in Lebanon attacked Rihaniya on November 30, 1974, killing one Circassian and wounding his wife and child, the Circassian elders asked the Government to put their community on the same footing as the Druse since they discharged their obligations to the State just as loyally.

The Circassians were brought to the region 100 years ago by Ottoman Sultan Abdul Hamid, from the Caucasus, to serve as a loyalist element among what was often an unstable population. They are Moslems of the Sunni sect, but not Arabs, and they speak their own language which was given an alphabet only a few years ago. They have a martial tradition and their menfolk serve in the armed forces of Israel, Jordan and Syria with distinction.

FOREIGN NEWS

U.S. plans laser-bomb sale to Saudis

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — In addition to selling Saudi Arabia 2,000 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, the U.S. also wants to supply the Saudis with large quantities of laser-guided "smart" bombs as a follow-up if the Sidewinder deal goes through Congress, American sources say here.

Fear was expressed that the introduction of the super-modern "smart" bombs into the Saudi arsenal would adversely change the military balance in the Middle East. These bombs having been designed for offensive use only.

American sources said on Friday that the Ford Administration wants to see how Congress reacts to the Sidewinder deal before announcing the other weapons transfers slated for the oil-rich state. Saudi Arabia is currently America's number one arms purchaser with orders of more than \$4b. contracted for this year alone.

So far, the Administration has only informally notified Congress of the massive Sidewinder sale. The formal letter of offer has not yet been submitted.

Under current law, Congress has 30 days to consider the Sidewinder proposal. Concurrent resolutions of disapproval in both

Houses could block the controversial sale.

Last Thursday, the Pentagon briefed the House International Relations Committee behind closed doors on the Sidewinder sale, insisting that 2,000 was not an unusually large request. The Pentagon said the Saudis originally wanted more than 4,000 missiles.

Congressional opponents of the Sidewinder proposal want the Administration to reduce the number to around 500. There have been some press reports here that the White House might scale the number down to around 1,000, to avert a fight with the Congress during this election year; but State Department officials could not confirm this.

American diplomats in Riyadh and Washington were currently discussing the Sidewinder sale with the Saudis in the hope that some solution might yet be worked out at a lower number now, but a commitment for further sales in the near future.

A State Department source said on Friday that the letter of offer for the Sidewinder could be expected to be introduced within a week or so. Afterwards, congressional hearings will probably begin, assuming the Administration seeks approval for the full 2,000.

Carter: no nuclear shield for Europe

BOSTON. — Democratic Party nominee Jimmy Carter has said that if he were President of the U.S. a "pre-emptive" nuclear strike would be used only if he were convinced the security or existence of the U.S. were threatened, it was reported Saturday.

(Under former defence secretary James Schlesinger, the U.S. military began adjusting its tactical nuclear capability so that it could be used in places such as Europe if conventional forces came under overwhelming attack.)

Carter's statement came in answer to a question during an interview with Hearst newspaper personnel. The interview appeared in *The Boston Sunday Herald Advertiser*.

On the Middle East, Carter said he would let the world know that the U.S. commitment to Israel was "unquestionable." "I would never waver on that commitment and that we would provide them with adequate military and economic aid so they could defend themselves..."

But, he said he would not send troops to Israel.

He said he thought Israel would have to give up "major portions of territory" it has captured, and that Palestinians should be recognized and ceded territory.

But "I think they should be part of Jordan and be administered by Jordan," Carter said.

On the nuclear option, Carter

said the U.S. had never explicitly ruled out the first use of nuclear weapons under all circumstances. However, the U.S. strategic bomber and missile force had been designed under the concept that it would be used for second-strike rather than first-strike purposes.

Carter was asked under what circumstances he, as President, would use nuclear weapons.

"I think it would be inappropriate to spell out precisely what circumstances might prevail that would cause me to use atomic weapons," he answered.

"The only general response I can give is that if I was convinced that the security or existence of our own nation was threatened, under those circumstances I would use atomic weapons," he said.

Carter said the U.S. has binding agreements in Europe, but he would not contemplate use of atomic weapons there "without agreement of the nations who would be most directly affected by retaliatory nuclear actions against the Soviet Union."

And, he said, "My own belief is that limited nuclear war would be unlikely."

On defence, Carter, a former nuclear submarine officer, said he thought \$5,000m. to \$7,000m. could be saved, and that nuclear-powered submarines are "our most important strategic element in the entire defence mechanism of our country..."

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Scientists scoff at 'mysterious Mars writing'

PASADENA. — Mysterious figures resembling crudely-painted letters and numbers that appeared in a television picture transmitted from Mars by the Viking I lander were probably caused by unusual shadows and rock shapes, scientists said Saturday night.

What looked like the letters "B" and "G" and the numeral 2 were found on the flat side of a rock facing the lander on Saturday as it scanned the rock-strewn Martian surface.

Officials at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory here seemed bemused, and at first would not guess what might have created the features, which were first seen on a television screen.

But after studying the picture, Project Manager Jim Martin said scientists felt the "B" is "caused by two projecting knobs with shadows around them."

Scientists said that the other markings, which appeared to have different shadings or textures, were probably due to shadows and differing mineral contents of the rock.

Dr. Alan Binder, one of the scientists on the lander photography team, said "it's simply a shadowing phenomenon caused by the rough texture of the rock."

"Things like this are very common on Earth," Binder said. "Other apparent symbols might appear in other pictures because Mars has a long history of people connecting unrelated things."

He added, "there is a tendency of the eye to see these things and make them seem like something familiar."

Scientists had previously spotted other unusual rocks, including one that looked like an automobile muffler.

(AP)

Ethiopia says coup bid crushed

LONDON. — The Ethiopian Government said yesterday that an "imperialist-supported" coup attempt had just been foiled by loyal troops.

Addis Ababa Radio, monitored here, said yesterday's bid for power had been planned by the recently-killed Brigadier-General Getachew Nadeu, and by Lieutenant-General Berhamu Hailed and Lieutenant Haile Mariam Hassan — who were now also dead.

(General Getachew, the martial-law administrator of revolt-torn Eritrea province, was shot dead a week ago while reportedly resisting arrest.)

It was the second plot against Ethiopia's two-year-old military government disclosed in less than two weeks. On July 13 Addis Ababa Radio announced that a plot had been uncovered, and that 18 people had been executed after being convicted of treason.

(Reuters)

We mourn the passing on Tammuz 24, in Liverpool, England of our father, grandfather, uncle and friend

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Grandfather of Raymond Prins
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Uncle to the Prins, Frankel, Salomon and Bendheim families in Israel and abroad.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved

AARON WRIGHT

Husband, Father and Grandfather

The funeral will leave the family home at 42 Rehov Rakafot, Kiryat Tivon, at 5.00 p.m., Monday, July 26, 1976.

Transportation will be provided from the offices of Kereth Ltd., 30 Rehov Ibn Gvirol, Tel Aviv, at 2.30 p.m.

Golda Wright
Maurine and David Rebak (London)
Judith and Aaron Matalon
and all the grandchildren

ENGLISH scriptwriter David Mercer, one of Britain's leading playwrights in the 1960s, will attend a screening of his films, "Morgan" (1966) and "The Family Life" (1971) at the Jerusalem Cinematheque, Beit Agron tonight, and will answer questions from the audience. The programme will commence at 9 p.m.

FRINA VELT, Lawyer

is no more

She will be laid to rest today, Monday, July 26, 1976. The funeral will leave at 3 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

A bus will be available for those attending. Please refrain from condolence visits.

The Bereaved Family

The Young Israel of Petah Tikva deeply mourns the untimely death of

Rabbi BERNARD STEIN

The funeral will take place on Monday, July 26, at 11 a.m., at the Petah Tikva cemetery.

Shiva at 17 Anderson Street, Petah Tikva.

We deeply mourn the passing of the Chairman and Director-General of our company

AARON WRIGHT

Our sympathies to the family.

Board of Directors
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We mourn deeply the passing of

Prof. ISADOR KEYFITZ

of Columbia, Mo., and Jerusalem

Dr. Sara Feder Keyfitz, Wife
Shahamit Keyfitz Halpern, David Halpern and children, Marya, Anat, Nur, Uria
Martha Feder Tanner and children — Los Angeles
Abraham H. and Cella Feder — New York
Theodore Feder and Dr. Matika Feder — Geneva

Interment: Givat Shalom Cemetery A.A.C.I. Section, Beit Shemesh, Tuesday, July 27, 4.00 p.m.

Bus and cars available at Mosdon Hazaleh, 9 Rehov Alkalay, Jerusalem, 3.00 p.m.

TECHNION
Israel Institute of Technology
School of Medicine, Haifa
honours the memory of

ILAVI YEHUDA

who passed away on July 18, 1976.
He bequeathed his body to science.

Elisheva and the family of

LEVI GERTNER

express sincere thanks to all friends, associates and organizations for their kind expressions of condolence and sympathy.

We mourn deeply the passing of the Chairman and Director-General of our company

AARON WRIGHT

and share the grief of the family.

Board of Directors
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Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to our dear *havera*,
Dr. SARA FEDER-KEYFITZ
and her family on the death of her beloved husband,

Dr. ISADOR KEYFITZ

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OLYMPIC GAMES

Trinidad sprinter snuffs American, Russian hopes

Hasely Crawford of Trinidad brought off one of the great sprint surprises in Olympic history in Montreal on Saturday when he won the 100-metre title.

This was the title the U.S. most wanted to win after the debate in Munich four years ago, when the two U.S. star sprinters missed the final because of confusion over the starting time. But this time the U.S. fared even worse, finishing without a man's 100-metre medal of any sort for the first time for 48 years.

There was a 1-2 Caribbean finish. The silver medal was won by Don Quarrie of Jamaica, with defending champion Valery Borzov of the Soviet Union third.

The main U.S. hope, teen-ager Harvey Glance, was pushed into fourth place. Apart from smashing the American challenge, Crawford also frustrated the dreams of Borzov who had hoped to establish himself among the greatest sprinters of all time. It is 70 years since anyone retained an Olympic sprint title. For almost the first time in his glittering career, Borzov showed weakness over the last 10 crucial metres.

It was definitely not the day of the sports superpowers. In the pool, Britain's David Wilkie shattered America's dream of winning all 13 men's swimming events by winning the 200-

metre freestyle. The Americans, led by John Naber, won the other swimming final of the day in smashing style, grabbing all the medals in the 200-metre freestyle. Naber collected his fourth gold medal, with Peter Rocca and Dan Harggan taking silver and bronze respectively.

The biggest sign of the day went up at Bromont, outside Montreal, where Princess Anne of Britain took a tumble in the gruelling cross-country section of the three-day equestrian event. Her horse Goodwood caught his feet on an awkward wooden jump and rolled on its side.

The princess narrowly escaped falling under her mount. She got up and remounted, continuing the race with bruises on her face and right arm, and blood on the right leg of her jodhpurs. Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip were on hand, and the latter saw the fall through his binoculars. He ran to his daughter's aid but she was up and away long before he reached the spot.

Czechoslovakia's first gold medal on Saturday involved another disappointment. Anton Tkac's victory in the cycling sprint put an end to the hopes of France's great cyclist, Daniel Morelon, to be the first man to win this Olympic event for the third consecutive time. He finished second, with East Germany's Hans-Jürgen Giesche taking bronze.

Trinidad's Crawford yesterday breezed through the first round of the men's 200-metre freestyle in a race that was a mere formality. With two withdrawals, all four runners in the heat were certain to qualify.

Crawford scarcely moved out of second gear as he stroled home third in a leisurely 22.55 seconds behind Australian winner Richard Mitchell.

On the field, unheeded Udo Beyer of East Germany added to his country's for-



Hasely Crawford of Trinidad gives a double wave with his shoe in one hand after winning the 100 metres gold medal in a major upset of the Olympic games on Saturday.

MEDAL WINNERS

Bowling
Women's coxed fours: East Germany — gold (3:45.98); Bulgaria — silver; USSR — bronze.
Women's double sculls: Bulgaria — gold (3:44.38); East Germany — silver; USSR — bronze.
Women's coxed pairs: U.S. — gold (4:03.10); Poland — silver (4:03.26); Czechoslovakia — bronze (4:03.10).
Women's coxed pairs: Bulgaria — gold (4:01.32); East Germany — silver; West Germany — bronze.
Women's single sculls: Christine Scheiblich, East Germany — gold (4:19.14); Joan Lind, U.S. — silver; Elena Antonova, USSR — bronze.
Women's coxed quadruple sculls: East Germany — gold (3:29.99); USSR — silver; Rumania — bronze.
Women's coxed eights: East Germany — gold (3:33.32); USSR — silver; U.S. — bronze.

Track and Field
Women's javelin: Ruth Fuchs, East Germany — gold (55.94); Marion Becker, West Germany — silver; Kathryn Schmidt, U.S. — bronze.
Men's shot put: Udo Beyer, East Germany — gold (21.05); Evgeni Mironov, USSR — silver; Alexander Baryshnikov, USSR — bronze.
Men's 100-metre: Hasely Crawford, Trinidad and Tobago — gold (10.06); Donald Quarrie, Jamaica — silver; Valery Borzov, USSR — bronze.

Cycling
4,000-metre team pursuit: West Germany (Gregor Braun, Hans Lutz, Günther Schumacher, Peter Voth) — gold; USSR (Vladimir Ciolek, Alexander Perov, Vitaly Petrakov, Victor Sokolov) — silver; Britain (Ian Banbury, Michael Bennett, Robin Crocker, Ian Hallam) — bronze.
Sprint: Anton Tkac, Czechoslovakia — gold; Daniel Morelon, France — silver; Hans-Jürgen Giesche, East Germany — bronze.

Shooting
Clay Pigeon shooting, skeet: Josef Fancsek, Czechoslovakia — gold (198); Eric Swinkels, Holland — silver; Wieslaw Galikowski, Poland — bronze.

Swimming
Women's 100-metre freestyle: Hannelore Anke, East Germany — gold (1:11.16); Liubov Rusanova, USSR — silver; Marina Kosheva, USSR — bronze.
Men's 200-metre freestyle: David Wilkie, Britain — gold (2:15.11 WR); John Hencken, U.S. — silver; Rick Colella, U.S. — bronze.

Weightlifting
Light heavyweight: Valeri Shary, USSR — gold (385); Blagol Blagoev, Bulgaria — silver; Trendafil Stichev, Bulgaria — bronze.
Men's 200-metre backstroke: John Naber, U.S. — gold (1:59.19 WR); Peter Rocca, U.S. — silver; Dan Harggan, U.S. — bronze.

Women's 400-metre individual medley: Ulrike Tauber, East Germany — gold (4:42.77 WR); Cheryl Gibson, Canada — silver; Becky Smith, Canada — bronze.

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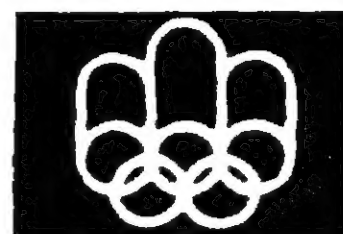
East Germans win 4 golds in rowing

East Germany continued to dominate Olympic rowing yesterday, winning four gold medals in seven events, and shooting back to head the medals table with 24 gold, 12 silver and 12 bronze.

The East Germans took the quadruple sculls (followed by the USSR and Czechoslovakia), the coxed fours (Norway, USSR), the coxed pairs (U.S., West Germany), and the coxed pairs (USSR, Czechoslovakia).

Biggest upset of the competition was the single sculls victory of Finland's Pertti Karppinen, with the West and East German competitors second and third, respectively. Norway pulled to a gold medal in the double sculls, while the Soviet Union took the coxed fours.

But in the last two races, too, the East Germans did not go without medals, taking bronze to Britain's silver in the double sculls, and silver in the coxed fours, where West Germany placed third.



Following is the medals table as of 9 p.m., Israel time, yesterday — the eighth day of Olympic competition in the Montreal Games:

	G	S	B
East Germany	24	12	12
USSR	23	25	12
U.S.	14	18	10
Bulgaria	4	6	3
W. Germany	4	3	7
Rumania	3	5	5
Japan	3	4	6
Poland	3	2	4
Czechoslovakia	2	2	1
Hungary	2	1	4
Britain	2	1	2
Italy	1	2	2
Yugoslavia	1	1	0
Finland	1	0	0
Mexico	1	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	1	0	0
Canada	0	2	4
Netherlands	0	2	2
France	0	1	3
Belgium	0	1	0
Jamaica	0	1	0
Portugal	0	1	0
Denmark	0	0	2
Australia	0	0	1
Austria	0	0	1
Iran	0	0	1

(Reuter)

Kiwis may yield on sports ties with S. Africa

ROTORUA, New Zealand. — Prime Minister Robert Muldoon yesterday defended his Government's refusal to interfere in sport and said New Zealanders would play anyone, anywhere.

But other leading spokesmen at the annual conference of the ruling National Party hinted at softening in the Government's attitude to New Zealand's controversial sporting links with South Africa.

They indicated sports organisations would in future be expected to weigh the potential embarrassment of sending touring teams to South Africa or inviting South African sportsmen to New Zealand.

More than 20 countries, most of them African, are boycotting the Montreal Olympic games in protest against New Zealand's participation while the country's national rugby team, the All Blacks, is touring South Africa. The tour has also aroused fierce opposition from apartheid critics in New Zealand.

(Reuter)

MUSIC / Benjamin Bar-Am

IPO's Otello a triumph

The Israel Festival "Otello" opera in four acts by Giuseppe Verdi, libretto by Arrigo Boito after William Shakespeare. (Gala performance, Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, July 19). The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Zubin Mehta.

THE IPO has done it again. "Otello" was a real triumph. Closing one's eyes, thereby ignoring the surroundings one was able to imagine oneself listening to a first class performance in one of the world's great opera houses: an excellent orchestra, a glorious group of principals, a modern and deeply moving direction.

The main singers were excellent indeed but if I had to choose the most touching, the most accomplished vocally, I would without hesitation single out Teresa Zylla-Gara as Desdemona. She was truly outstanding. Her singing was incredibly beautiful. Her acting and each note she sang were a revelation of Desdemona's personality.

Indeed the success of this production was due to the fact that with Desdemona, Iago and Otello there was no separation of acting and singing — each was inspired, evoked and initiated by the other and superbly blended.

Sigmond Nimsgern, baritone, as Iago almost stole the show, except that the others were too much his equal. Iago is, of course, an immensely rewarding role. A dramatic personae in the truest sense.

necessary talents, exploited it in full. His performance had the perfect blending of acting and singing which elevates opera from the banal to great art.

Tenor Renato Francesconi, singing the part of Otello was no less impressive. Simon Estes, as Lodovico, the Venetian Ambassador; Menasse Hadjia, as Roderigo, the Venetian gentleman; and Tibor Herdan, in the very small part of Montano, the former governor of Cyprus, all sang and acted satisfactorily. However two other supporting roles — Cassio, sung by tenor Leo Goeke and even more Emilia, sung by mezzo-soprano Elvira Kohenoff, were disappointing. However, this did not effect the overall result which was splendid, touching, powerful.

All this was very much the achievement of conductor Zubin Mehta. We knew Mehta to be no less a great operatic conductor than he is a symphonic conductor, but Otello seemed to reach a new climax. Passionate as ever, sweeping in conception, he gave us the whole gamut of expression from the most subtle lyricism, to the most dramatic strength. Mehta's dedicated efforts succeeded at least partly because director Davidson made the ensemble into a highly efficient team of dramatic personae in the truest sense.

AT THE CINEMA

More than 'Just a Woman'

Just a Woman (Studio, Tel Aviv and Atzmon, Haifa). The original French title is "Docteur Francoise Gaillard" which is not only less banal but more indicative of what the film is about. It is her profession that plays the most important part in Dr. Gaillard's life. She is a dedicated healer. And the film is not a shallow tear-jerker. It is serious in intent — based on the novel "Le Cri" by Noelle Loriot which was founded on a real life story — and carries a message for sufferers of a dread disease: "Do not despair."

Dr. Gaillard is a woman in her middle forties who is passing through a trying period. Head of a department in a Parisian hospital, she is sorely over-worked and the mother of teenagers, she has to cope with family problems. As she is an incessant smoker and is constantly coughing, a colleague insists that she have her lungs X-rayed. The results

reveal that she has developed lung cancer. At first, in spite of being a doctor, she refuses to believe the facts. She wants to fly away from reality and everyone she knows. It is only on the eve of her operation that she faces the inevitable and finds for herself the courage she has always tried to instill into her patients.

The film rests almost entirely on the shoulders of the chief actress and since she is Annie Girardot, she is able to carry the burden magnificently. She makes her Dr. Gaillard into a real, credible human being, warm, vital, lovable and infuriating. Her performance is moving but never mawkish.

S.W.

DO IT YOURSELF / Meir Factor

Lamp in a bottle

FLOOR or table lamps can be decorative as well functional. They can be made using a bottle as the base, when the type of lampshade will depend largely on the kind of bottle chosen.

Carboys (large glass bottles of from 20 to 40 litre capacity used for transporting chemicals) are very suitable for this purpose.

Having obtained the bottle, you will need to buy or make a lampshade. To fit the type of lampshades generally sold in Israel you will need a lampshade with a narrow attachment holder, that is, with a small hole in the centre which is fitted over a brass threaded tube (which will be described later). You will also need a bung, either of plastic, rubber or cork, to fit the neck of the bottle. This bung is drilled centrally with a 10mm. bit.

You will require a lampholder with a threaded hole in the end and a piece of threaded brass tube to fit it. Also a nut to tighten up on the thread. The tube should be about 2cm longer than the length of the bung. The lead for the lamp can be fed from the lampholder via the brass tube and then out through a hole near the bottom of the bottle. To drill a hole through the glass of the bottle you must use a special triangular-shaped tungsten carbide (video) bit. You can also use the normal tungsten carbide tipped masonry bits. If you're using an electric drill you must set the drill to its lowest possible speed.

Hold the bottle firmly. Make a small circular wall out of modelling clay on the bottle around the place

where you are going to drill and fill the enclosure with water. This is to cool the tip of the bit from the heat caused by the friction of drilling. If not dissipated this heat could crack the glass. Press the drill point on to the glass and start drilling. If you are using a twin electrical lead in a round cable, you'll need a drill bit of 8mm. diameter, but if you are using flexible twisted twin flex you can manage with a 6mm. diameter hole. Having drilled the hole, the lead is fed through it and the bottle held inverted so that the lead will drop out through the neck. The lampholder is taken apart, the threaded tube screwed into the threaded socket and the tube pushed through the hole in the lampshade fitting. The tube is now fitted through the bung and the nut screwed onto the other end and tightened up, thus holding the lampholder and lampshade firmly to the bung. The end of the lead protruding from the neck of the bottle is then fed up through the lower end of the tube and out through the lampholder where it is connected to the lampholder terminals. The lampholder can now be reassembled, but before pressing down the bung in the neck of the bottle it is preferable to make a loose knot in the lead inside the bottle so that in the event of the lead being tugged, the strain is taken by the knot and not by the lampholder terminals. The lead can now be fitted with a switch and a mains plug.

If the bottle is rather lightweight or small it can be made more stable by half-filling it with clean dry sand before inserting the bung.

Tomorrow, Tuesday, July 27
Opening of Mifgash Yerushalayim
(Jerusalem Encounter)

Cavalcade of Dancers Through the Streets of Jerusalem

Participating troupes —
From Overseas: U.S.A., Germany, Holland, Puerto Rico, Scotland, Rumania and Turkey

From Israel: Immigrant troupes from Georgia, Bolshoi, India and Kurdistan, student troupes from Haifa, Hebrew University Secondary School, Tzabar, and the Arab "Kochavim" Troupe.

The Cavalcade will set out at 5 p.m. from the plaza at the Yemin Moshe Windmill, and will pass through Rehov David Hamelech, and Rehov Agnon to Independence Park. In the Park, the massed troupes will dance to the music of the Police Orchestra.

Don't miss it!

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THE ISRAEL FESTIVAL 1976

CORRECTION

The duo pianists, Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir, will perform Mozart works at the Jerusalem Theatre on July 29, at 8.30 p.m., and not as advertised in yesterday's paper.

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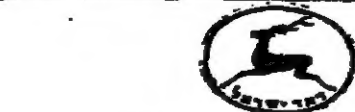
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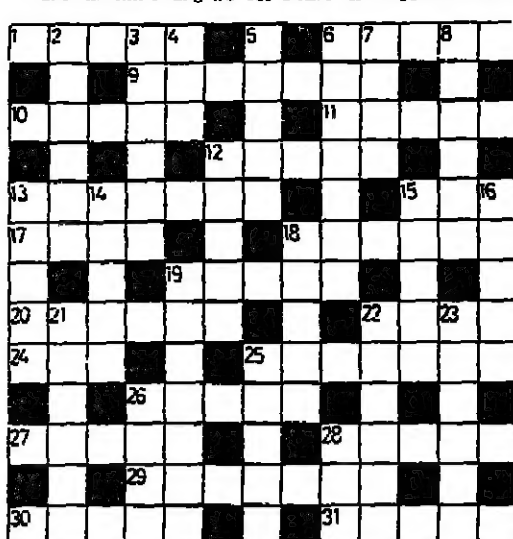


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ACROSS

- 1 Put in a home! (5)
- 2 Churchman who got 71 in a real mess (7)
- 3 Like the friends you're really thick with (5)
- 4 Do such women never get tight? (5)
- 5 Mining film? (5)
- 6 It has a lowering effect (7)
- 7 Natural talk? (5)
- 8 Bend over as a chair may do (4)
- 9 Help to score with puck (5)
- 10 What to drink in a crowd (5)
- 11 Surviving character, of course (5)
- 12 Exclamation on hearing the price! (4)
- 13 With which to hear, commonly (3)
- 14 Old but fast (7)
- 15 A shiner, not serious (5)
- 16 Simple name (5)
- 17 The under tone (5)
- 18 Knock a man out, in short (7)
- 19 You consume both outright (5)
- 20 Amusing feature of a tea-service (5)



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ACROSS

- 1 Sudden outbreak (5)
- 2 Bird of prey (5)
- 3 Wearing away (7)
- 4 Hold-up (5)
- 5 Educate (5)
- 6 Facial hair (5)
- 7 Sweetened (7)
- 8 Scheme (4)
- 9 Drug (6)
- 10 Nobleman (5)
- 11 Belief (6)
- 12 Yearn (4)
- 13 Younger (3)
- 14 Which group (5)
- 15 Enkai (5)
- 16 Milk store (5)
- 17 Taken away (7)
- 18 Invited (5)
- 19 Precious stone (5)

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- ACROSS—3. Trust, 4. Cabin, 5. Loyal, 6. Fox, 7. Camille, 8. Baywood, 9. Edge, 10. Tag, 11. Become, 12. Mergers, 13. Scout, 14. Pins, 15. Destroy, 16. Statue, 17. Mole, 18. Seizure, 19. Nicer, 20. Out, 21. Actor, 22. Token, 23. Ready.
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Jewish Cultural Clubs, the Emma Lazarus Women's Clubs and other institutions, organizations and periodicals which have a record of four-five decades of devoted hard work on behalf of Jewish culture and the Yiddish language—two generations of struggle against assimilation and for national continuity.

It is clear that such a position is arbitrary wilful and immoral. It can only harm the cause of Jewish culture, and it exposes the planned conference to the danger of failure.

We therefore urge organizations, individuals in Israel, to petition the Israeli conference committee* to invite directly the above-mentioned and other organizations in the U.S.A. and Canada which have, to date, been excluded. Arbitrary decisions of "land-committees" must not be allowed to become the moral guide for a Jewish cultural conference, nor discrimination its cornerstone.

**United Committee of Jewish
Cultural Organizations in U.S.A.
(Room 1023, 1133 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10010)**

*Write to the Committee Secretary: Mr. I. Korn, 228 Rehov Bnei Ephraim, Maoz Aviv, Tel Aviv.

Insurance in the dock

THE RESOLVE of the insurance companies to add 2.5 per cent to the premiums they charge on their policies because of the value added tax is considered by the Treasury to be against the public interest. The Commissioner of Insurance and Savings, Dr. Yaacov Pickler, is submitting a formal complaint to his opposite number in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Commissioner on Monopolies and Cartels.

Formally speaking, the offence is twofold — failing to secure Treasury approval for the premium increase, and changing the tariff simultaneously and by precisely the same amount, which smacks of price rigging. The real transgression, however, is that the companies are evading their duty to shoulder a fair share of the fiscal burden. Dr. Pickler reckons that VAT has put up expenses by one per cent at the most, or less than half the compensation they propose to extort.

The companies maintain that their costs have gone up by more than that. Even if they are right, their attitude is still mistaken. The tax requires a financial sacrifice from the public. It should be from all sections of the public, not just the final consumer. The insurance companies make between them a profit of IL320m. yearly. If the ordinary citizen has to tighten his belt a notch, cannot these business firms do the same?

Prices are supposed in fact to go up in the economy at large by less than the full 8 per cent of VAT. Finance Minister Rabinowitz expects the cost-of-living index to climb by 5 or 6 per cent only, which will mean that the manufacturing and trading sectors are "absorbing" some of the impost. The insurance companies are not expected to finance all the tax out of their own pocket, nor even most of it; but surely at least a part of it.

The one branch which does not intend to increase its premiums is life insurance — because the stamp duty has been abolished, which more than offsets the outlay on VAT. If the firms must recoup all their VAT to the last agora from elementary insurance, why do they not make a reduction, if only a nominal one, on life insurance?

This rigidity is coming to be out-of-date. There are times when prices have to go up, but the present situation is not one of them. The inflationary pressures, which make it possible to translate every cost hike into a price hike, are receding. To charge the old rates plus the whole of the tax increase should be bad for business, in the current phase of eroded purchasing-power. Apparently the insurance branch is still not over-concerned with the law of supply and demand.

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PLO extortionist

DAVAR (Histadrut), referring to the fluid situation in Lebanon, says "Israel should make it clear through diplomatic channels that its position depends on the nature of the changes taking place across the border. It would be wrong to assume that Syrian intervention is only intended to restore law and order. Its purpose is neither specifically to aid the Christians nor merely to demonstrate strength but to reinforce Syria's traditional territorial demands. If these efforts constitute a future additional strategic threat to Israel, then Jerusalem must do all in its power to prevent this and to ensure that ostensibly temporary situations brought about in the course of the fighting do not become permanent. This is Israel's right and duty and it is to be hoped that she will get this message through to the Syrian Government."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam): "Assad has no intention of pulling his troops out in any hurry. It was the Cairo convention of 1969 that caused the slaughter in Lebanon, by encouraging the PLO to set up a state within a state while aligning with the Muslim left, who sought to bring about Islamic rule. Yet neither

Sadat nor Assad nor any other Arab leader would dream of allowing the Palestinian organizations such freedom in his own country. The result has been destruction, slaughter, intervention and confrontation."

HA'ARETZ (Independent), noting that the implication of Sadat's speech last Thursday was that Egypt was the true champion of the Palestinian cause and Assad a traitor, writes: "Such accusations have been exchanged regularly between Cairo and Damascus since Egypt signed the interim agreement. The Lebanon crisis deepened the chasm but did not create it. However, Assad's switch from support for the Moslems and Palestinians to the Christians has enabled Sadat to reverse the roles."

"If it was Sadat's intention to warn the other Arab leaders not to launch into adventurous action against Israel, we have no cause for criticism. But if it was to warn — or threaten — Israel, he must be told that Israel is prepared for political settlements and does not identify the cease-fire lines with permanent boundaries, will not be deterred by threats and is prepared for any showdown."

The controversy over the possible abolition of election for delegates to the next Zionist Congress continues. KALMAN SULTANIK presents his case for the decision.

The test of Zionist democracy

IN ITS EDITORIAL on July 18, The Jerusalem Post suggested that the Zionist Organization might turn into a "self-perpetuating body of functionaries who represent themselves and each other but nobody else" if no elections were to take place for the forthcoming Zionist Congress. This seems to equate the Zionist Congress with some parliament or legislative assembly in a sovereign state. It disregards the fundamental structure and activity of the Zionist Movement as a movement that works constantly and conscientiously for and on behalf of Israel.

Perhaps it is more glamorous to be an elected representative to a Zionist Congress than to a Zionist party convention or a Zionist Federation. But it is these bodies that carry the burden of Zionist work. In them, elections are being held; Zionist Conventions elect their officers and their delegates or representatives to other bodies such as the President's Conference, the Jewish National Fund, the Zionist Federations, Zionist Congresses and the Zionist Actions Committee.

It may be worth pointing out that the delegates to the Zionist Congress are composed as follows: 40 per cent from Israel, 28 per cent from the U.S. and 32 per cent from the rest of the world. The Israeli delegation is constituted in accordance with the results of the Knesset elections. Since the forthcoming Congress is scheduled to take place in 1977, the Israeli delegates will reflect party strength as it was in 1976.

While the party composition of delegates from the Diaspora may be largely the same as in 1973, the delegates themselves will not. In most countries Zionist life goes on. Parties and organizations hold their conventions, delegates are elected democratically by national bodies and, what is most important, elections to Zionist Federations are held annually or bi-annually, and the organizations and other bodies compete among themselves for representation at the Zionist Congress.

It is the Zionist organizations and Federations that carry on the grass-

roots work of Zionism, ever since the Zionist Movement abolished the Shekel as a criterion of affiliation and decided it should be replaced by a membership drive, such membership has been the mark of privilege for participation in elections to Congresses.

ONE OF THE POINTS made by the opponents of the decision taken by the Constitution Committee of the Zionist General Council is that youth would be barred from taking its rightful place in the forthcoming Zionist Congress. This is pure fallacy. Youth movements are, as they have always been, represented at Congresses through their parent parties: Young Judea through Hachashah; Hachashah through the Revisionists; Babonim through the Labour Party; B'nai Akiva through the Mizrahi movement and so on. As for the so-called Independent Youth Movement that cropped up in the U.S. before the last Congress elections, its service to Zionism is at least open to question. It polled 1,000 votes out of 150,000, was allotted three seats at Congress, and vanished into thin air right after.

The Zionist Movement cannot be equated with a sovereign state, nor can democracy be measured by the yardstick of elections alone. In a state such as Israel a voter may cast his ballot in the national elections once in four years and then cease all political activity. In the intervening period he will simply have to comply with the laws laid down by the elected government, and pay the taxes it imposes. The state itself provides the funds for the elections.

In Zionist Congress elections one also casts a vote once every 4, or 8, or 20 years, and then one may retire from all Zionist activity. However, the political life of the person casting the vote is not affected by this act unless he volunteers to continue his active daily involvement with Zionism. If he opts out after elections, others will still have to carry the burden, and also pay the debts. Elections cost a lot of money. The debts incurred by the last Congress elections are still being paid. Zionist activity is spread over 38

countries, with Jewish populations ranging from 6 million to but a few hundred. Only in 1972 were elections held in most of these countries. The previous Congress elections were held in some countries as far back as 28 years earlier; in others, 8 years earlier. Even now, the amendment adopted at the Zionist General Council does not rule out elections altogether. There must be an agreement of 90 per cent of the delegates in any country for elections to be dispensed with.

Zionism calls for continuous work through the medium of the territorial organizations and Federations. The Zionist Congress is an impressive gathering of delegates, but its decisions and directives must be implemented by the voluntary organizations and individual Zionists in all countries where Zionism is active. If one examines the delegates and their records, one sees both continuity and change; one comes to realize that the elections, democratic though they may be, were not the overriding factor in producing change. Whoever wants to be an active Zionist can do so, and Zionists everywhere will continue seeking a new and younger leadership to shoulder a part of the burden.

Having been the one who tabled the resolution in question in the name of the World Confederation of United Zionists, I may, perhaps, be permitted to point out that we are a Diaspora-oriented Zionist grouping which is not affiliated with any of the parties in Israel. In the elections to the last Zionist Congress, held in 28 countries, the Confederation emerged with considerably greater strength: its representation at the Congress increased by 20 per cent. If we thought in terms of gaining more delegates and did not have in mind the welfare of the Zionist Movement as a whole, we would certainly have been the ones to advocate the holding of elections right at this very time.

Mr. Sultanik is Member of the Zionist Executive, and Executive Vice-President of the World Confederation of United Zionists.

URI GORDON argues against the decision

THE ZIONIST General Council has, by its own hand, weakened the next Zionist Congress even before it opens in January. The Council's decision by which 90 per cent of the delegates to the last Congress from each country can agree not to hold elections for the next, has put the idea of democracy up to ridicule. It will frustrate the legitimate struggle for a renewal of the Zionist movement.

Suppose that 90 per cent of the Eighth Knesset decided against holding parliamentary elections in order to perpetuate themselves. So too, by the Zionist Council's decision, all chances for the appearance of new faces in the Zionist movement have disappeared and the youthful spirit will be absent from the Congress.

The decision — and it is doubtful if it has a precedent in a system based on law and justice — will stymie any initiative for holding elections and prevent any new group from participating. It will make it impossible for new people to join in the public struggle, gather strength for their positions or prove themselves.

Telephone calls and letters which have reached us in large numbers recently testify to the anger of many young people at the Council's decision.

It's odd that now, when all of us are aware of the need for a renewal of the face of the Zionist movement and the participation of new forces, that this shocking decision was taken. One that has a precedent in the history of the movement. I went back and read the protocols of the Zionist Congresses of the past. I didn't find even one in which an attempt was made to destroy the elementary basis for democracy in this body, whose decisions, approaches and actions are watched by Jews all over the world.

The Zionist movement will not rise or fall only on the matter of elections. The crisis in which the movement is immersed will not be solved by this or another method of choosing delegates. The crisis involves the realization of the Zionist tasks both in Israel and the Diaspora. Without a direct hearing for youth, how can there be a renewal of old values and the introduction of new power in old ideas?

In order to meet the challenges of today — of aliyah, Jewish education and national unity — and ensure the continuity of the Jewish People, we urgently need united action in which young people will have a part. Without them, our future won't stand the tests of our past.

I admit that holding elections among the Jewish People is a complicated effort. It may be most difficult in the U.S., because of its great size.

But the members of the Zionist General Council should have appointed a committee to study the problem and propose recommendations on how to set up a democratic election.

The leaders of the Zionist movement didn't do this; they merely voted as they did, without the problem disturbing their sleep. There is no alternative now but to raise the question of representation in the Zionist movement before the Zionists of the world.

(Uri Gordon is chairman of the Youth Leadership Division of the World Zionist Organization.)

Dry Bones



POSTSCRIPTS

BARONESS Amalia von Inkey, despite her title, used to be a nurse in a Swiss sanatorium. The other day, one of her former patients received the following letter from her:

"I want to try to express my greatest admiration to your people for the wonderful heroic action against the terrorism in Uganda. "During all those dramatic days, I was always sure that the Israelis would save those poor people, because they are the only nation in the world now who are ready to fight for justice and for their country and who have brains and courage, which usually never go together. I cannot tell you how very happy I am that Israel once again showed its greatness and gave an example to the whole world."

"I am enclosing 100 Francs and beg you to put some little flowers on the graves of those heroes who lost their lives in Uganda. I shall also pray for those soldiers."

"God bless you and your people." Mrs. Esther Rubin, widow of painter Reuben Rubin, to whom the letter was addressed, has sent the 100 Swiss Francs to the Ministry of Defence.

"Yesterday afternoon, while Mrs. B. Tomlinson and daughter were out driving, their horse took fright at the cable cars and it would have ended fatally but for the assistance of a young gentleman who, at the risk of his life, ran beside the animal and tripped him. The gentleman was too modest to give his name but it was afterwards found to be Mr. Fred Lewis. He boarded a car after the event with his clothes torn and his hands badly cut."

The nicest part of our reader's tale comes at the end of his letter. In the first place, the cowboy's son came on aliyah bringing with him "the hand-painted, flower-decorated milk-braces" which two women had given his father as a token of gratitude. Secondly, he informs us that his cowboy father eventually ended up in the women's dress business.

TOO BAD it wasn't televised. We should like to have seen the gala dinner of the British Movers Union at Durham last week-end. Even more to have heard British Premier James Callaghan, Sir Harold Wilson and other Labourites joining Israel Ambassador Gideon Rafael and Embassy Counsellor Benad Avital in singing "He will bring us peace" ("Hu Yaseh Shalom Aleinu").

It is traditional at the gala dinner for guests to contribute a song and the Israelis were followed by the New Zealand High Commissioner, as well as American, Russian and Yugoslav diplomats. The Embassy had specially prepared copies of the song in Latin characters for the guests and others who sang lustily included House of Commons Leader Michael Foot, Edward Short, Energy Secretary Tony Benn and the Mineworkers Secretary Laurence Daley.

When asked for an encore, Rafael played a record of "The Paratroopers' Song," commenting: "This is the hymn of the boys who rescued the hostages." Everyone began to hum the chorus, but our correspondent Mark Segal noted that the Soviet and Yugoslav diplomats looked rather sour. M.S.

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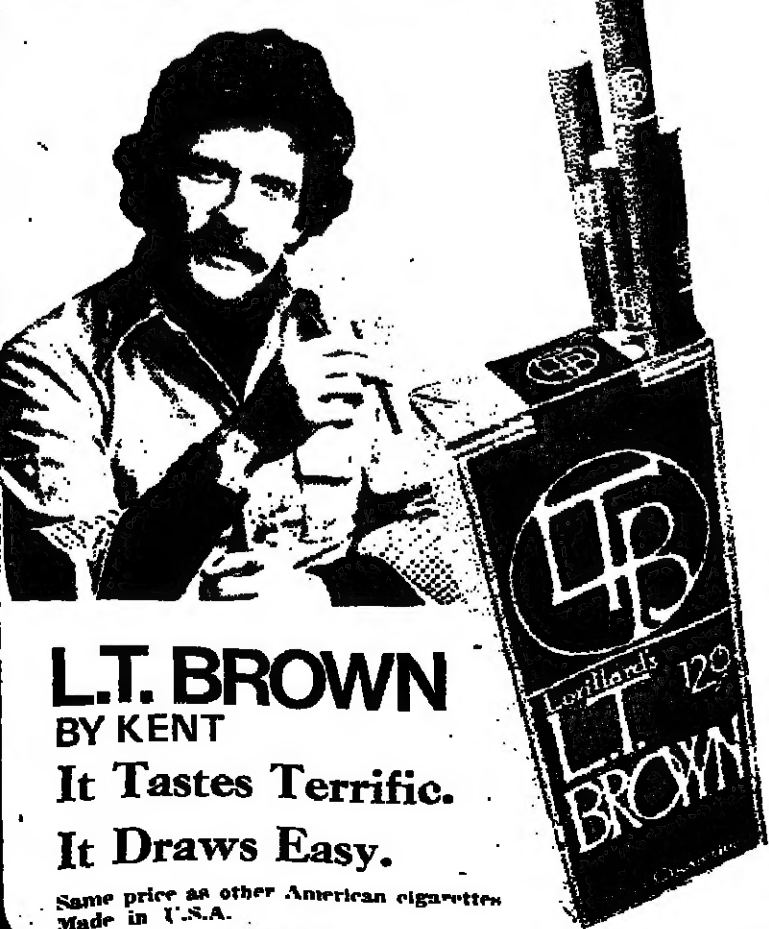
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READERS' LETTERS

WOMEN EMISSARIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With women's rights in the forefront, it seems ludicrous that the Jewish Agency ignores the potential of women as their representatives among Jewish youth, writes Leslie Cole from California (July 18).

I recently examined my file of photographs and found one of a group of young people back in 1939 and 1940. They were all members of Hachonim, the Labour Zionist Youth, aged from 10 to 16 years. In this group there were 25 youngsters: 22 boys and 13 girls. After all these years, now in 1976, we find that seven of the girls made aliyah. Not one of the boys in the picture, 22 in all, made aliyah, though most of them have been here on a visit as tourists.

All these boys and girls came from the same kind of homes; some are brothers and sisters. They all had the same Hebrew school education and were exposed to the Hachonim Zionist programme. Did the fact that the emissaries were all males have anything to do with the strange results?

WILLIAM BRAITHERMAN
Netanya.

RETURN TO THE SOIL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Dr. Ater's article, "Zionist Israel" (July) gives me an uncomfortable feeling.

A century ago, the socialist Zionist pioneers (or at least some of them) idealized the simple uneducated boorish European peasant who tilled the soil with his hands, whereas their fellow-Jews were "unproductive" parasites — scholars, merchants and traders, or professionals. This was in part a revolt against existing values.

On arrival in the Promised Land, this idealization helped them to adapt to the difficult conditions prevailing. Surgeons and lawyers became bricklayers and road builders and the Jewish dustman became the hallmark of the "normalised" Jewish society.

However, times have changed and even in the most normal societies, the more simple and tiresome physical jobs are undertaken by migrant labour from less developed societies. This is presumably to the good of all concerned since the migrant labour comes of its own volition finding the labour more rewarding than the alternatives

available, while the domestic labour is freed for more productive work — in the economic sense, of course.

Now when a dear sentimental old lady like Golda yearns for the good old days of Jewish labour, we take it with the pinch of salt (or sugar) it deserves. However, when the cry is taken up by an economic journalist, it leaves an uncomfortable feeling. It is not just that he ought to know better. It is the fair certainty that he has no such ambitions for his progeny. It is the other Israel which should be doing the dirty work in place of the Arabs. This is not sentiment, but just plain reactionary humbug.

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